

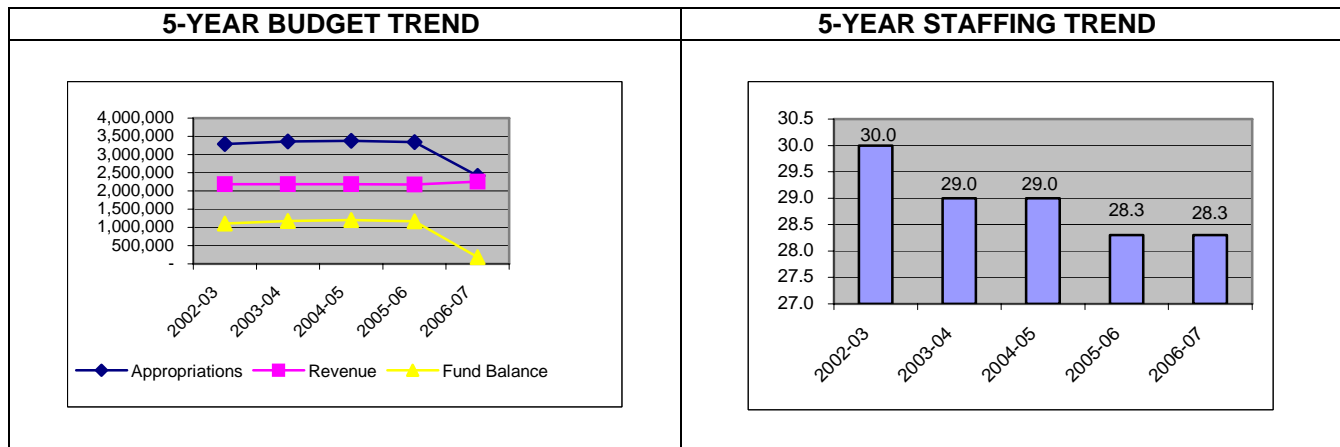
State/County Property Tax Administration Program

DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

On February 13, 1996, the Board of Supervisors approved an agreement with the State of California to participate in a state/county property tax administration program for 1996. The agreement provided a loan of \$2,139,938 for 1996, with a provision for the same in the following two calendar years. The state passed legislation extending this program through calendar year 2002.

Effective January 1, 2002, the State legislature approved authorization of AB589. This bill creates the State-County Property Tax Grant Program to replace the prior loan program. The grant is effective starting with the 2002-03 fiscal year and is authorized until the 2006-07 fiscal year. As with the prior loan program, these funds are intended to supplement the county's property tax administrative cost. The amount of the loan is set forth on a schedule established by the state and is anticipated to be the same as the previous loan program. Contingencies are used to set aside funds that are available from the state on a calendar year basis but are budgeted and managed in the county system on a fiscal year basis. The state's funding of this program has been put on hold for 2 years. The California Assessors Association has been working with the State Department of Finance to establish a replacement program to restore this vital funding source. The County Administrative Office is financing this program until the state resumes funding.

BUDGET HISTORY



In 2006-07, the appropriation and the resulting fund balance have been dramatically reduced due to the postponement of funding by the state. In order to maintain the workload the County Administrative Office has back-filled state funding with general fund contingencies to finance the program until the state resumes the funding. The funding enables the Assessor to complete all the workload as mandated in the Revenue and Taxation code.

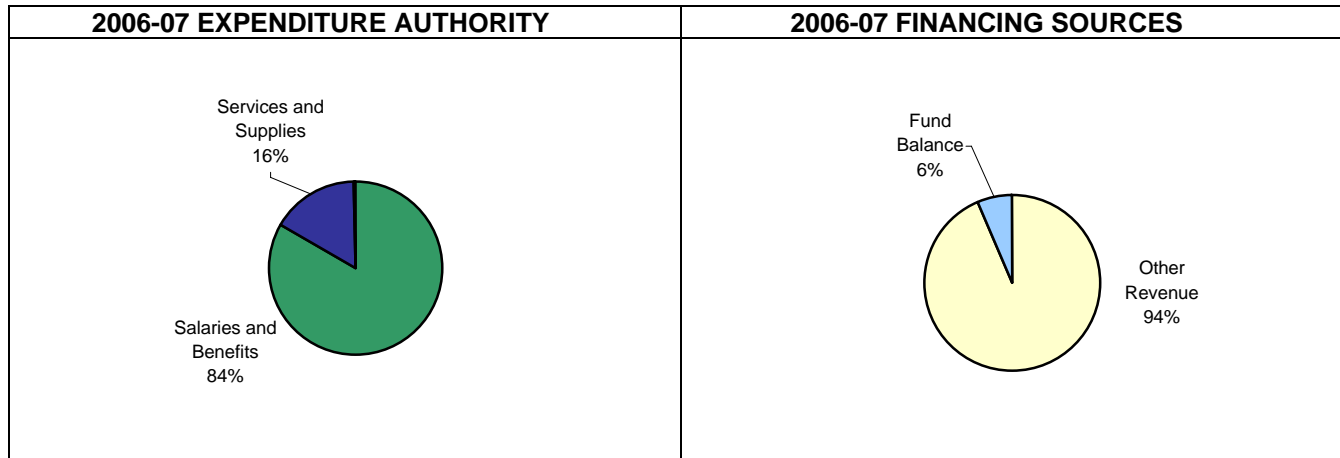
PERFORMANCE HISTORY

	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Modified Budget	2005-06 Actual
Appropriation	2,110,575	2,151,916	2,189,832	3,394,314	2,052,280
Departmental Revenue	2,183,040	2,173,518	2,162,020	2,223,438	1,037,053
Fund Balance				1,170,876	
Budgeted Staffing				28.3	

In 2005-06, expense variance is primarily due to salary savings due to employee transfers, termination and delays in hiring. Revenue variance results from not receiving any funding from the state for the Property Tax Administration Program (PTAP). However, the department received county contingencies of \$1,000,000 to backfill the program in 2005-06.



ANALYSIS OF FINAL BUDGET



GROUP: Fiscal
DEPARTMENT: Assessor
FUND: State/County Prop Tax Admin

BUDGET UNIT: RCS ASR
FUNCTION: General
ACTIVITY: Finance

	2002-03 Actual	2003-04 Actual	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2005-06 Final Budget	2006-07 Final Budget	Change From 2005-06 Final Budget
Appropriation							
Salaries and Benefits	1,565,193	1,645,952	1,837,812	1,710,029	1,910,545	2,006,489	95,944
Services and Supplies	545,382	500,764	346,493	336,391	370,802	375,289	4,487
Central Computer	-	-	-	-	-	21,906	21,906
Transfers	-	5,200	5,527	5,859	5,859	7,259	1,400
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	1,055,108	-	(1,055,108)
Total Exp Authority	2,110,575	2,151,916	2,189,832	2,052,280	3,342,314	2,410,943	(931,371)
Reimbursements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	2,110,575	2,151,916	2,189,832	2,052,280	3,342,314	2,410,943	(931,371)
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Requirements	2,110,575	2,151,916	2,189,832	2,052,280	3,342,314	2,410,943	(931,371)
Departmental Revenue							
Use of Money and Prop	43,102	20,915	21,106	37,053	25,000	25,000	-
State, Fed or Gov't Aid	2,139,938	2,152,603	2,140,874	-	2,139,938	-	(2,139,938)
Other Revenue	-	-	40	-	6,500	-	(6,500)
Total Revenue	2,183,040	2,173,518	2,162,020	37,053	2,171,438	25,000	(2,146,438)
Operating Transfers In	-	-	-	1,000,000	-	2,230,295	2,230,295
Total Financing Sources	2,183,040	2,173,518	2,162,020	1,037,053	2,171,438	2,255,295	83,857
Fund Balance	(72,465)	(21,602)	27,812	1,015,227	1,170,876	155,648	(1,015,228)
Budgeted Staffing					28.3	28.3	-

In 2006-07, the department will incur increased costs to maintain current services, such as negotiated labor agreements, retirement, risk management, central computer and inflationary services and supplies purchases; and will incur decreased costs in worker's compensation. These costs are reflected in the Change From 2005-06 Final Budget column, along with changes related to department recommendations.

In 2006-07, contingencies and revenue from the state have been eliminated due to the postponement of the grant program. In order to maintain the workload the entire \$2,139,938 has been transferred from the county general fund to finance this program until the state resumes funding of this program. The funding enables the Assessor to complete all the workload as mandated in the Revenue and Taxation code.

FINAL BUDGET CHANGES

Salaries and benefits decreased by \$30,503 due to fund balance being lower than anticipated.

